

## **HERSETH SANDLIN COMMENDS SOUTH DAKOTANS RECEIVING CITIZEN SERVICE ABOVE SELF HONORS**

**March 25, 2010, Washington, DC**-Today, Rep. Herseth Sandlin commended two South Dakotans, Dylan Nelson and Cedrick Hillyer, who were recognized as a recipient and a finalist, respectively, for the Citizen Service Above Self Honors presented by the Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation.

Rep. Herseth Sandlin said, "It's truly a testament to the character of South Dakotans that not one, but two, of our state's citizens were selected from hundreds of nominations as part of the group of 20 finalists for this significant honor, one of the most prestigious awards a civilian can earn.

Dylan Nelson of Madison was posthumously selected as a recipient of the Citizen Service Above Self Honor. Last summer, Dylan heroically saved the lives of his younger brother and cousin before tragically drowning in a strong current in Lake Madison. Rep. Herseth Sandlin added, "Dylan's sacrifice still resonates a year later. His bravery and selflessness in the face of danger exemplify the spirit of this award."

Cedrick Hillyer of Sioux Falls was also named as a finalist for this honor. Last summer, Cedrick, a student at Roosevelt High School, pulled a young Nebraska boy out of the Big Sioux River at Falls Park.

To learn more about Citizen Service Above Self Honor, please go to <http://citizenserviceabove.selfhonors.org/>.